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Preface

For part-time citizen legislators, the interim between sessions is an opportunity for study and reflection on questions of state policy unavailable during the hectic days of the biennial session. Likewise, the interim offers the general public an opportunity to work with their elected representatives to achieve better government. The Montana Legislature has authorized a diverse array of activities in the form of ad hoc and permanent committees and participation in interstate activities to take advantage of the interim.

This directory outlines legislative membership and staff support for the full array of interim activities in which the legislature has a major or primary role. The directory is designed to support full participation by both legislators and the general public in the interim work of the legislature. To that end, information regarding the authority and purpose of each activity is included along with important names and addresses for members and staff.

The interim is a dynamic period. All information is complete when this directory is published; however, committees may organize following publication, memberships may change, or new committees be created. All changes are noted in the monthly newsletter, The Interim, published by the Legislative Council and available to the public at a nominal charge. Active users would do well to note changes as they are reported.

May this interim be productive and satisfying.



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Interim Study Subcommittees



Joint Interim Subcommittee on Children and Families

Study Resolution: HJR 54, Laws of 1991

House Joint Resolution No. 54 requests that an interim subcommittee examine public and private programs and services for at-risk children and families in order to identify duplications or gaps in, and the effectiveness or inefficiency of, existing programs and services in the state. The Subcommittee is to: study methods of interagency coordination of programs and services for at-risk children and families in Montana; develop recommendations for programs and services that provide early intervention and strengthen the family to prevent removal of children from their homes or provide a continuum of care for children in out-of-home placements; and explore the feasibility of establishing a statutory legislative committee to review and monitor public and private programs and services for at-risk children and families.

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Joint Interim Subcommittee on School Funding

Study Resolution: SJR 27, Laws of 1991 HJR 49, Laws of 1991

The 1991 Legislature recognized the need for continued study of K-12 public school funding issues that are related to the major school funding reform legislation of the June 1989 Special Session and to any future school funding litigation. As follow-up to the work of the Legislative Oversight Committee on School Funding Implementation in the 1989-91 interim, the Subcommittee is to study: actual cost factors and equalization of school transportation and school facilities; the results of using a guaranteed tax base mechanism to equalize district general fund and retirement obligations; the laws and issues related to tuition and out-of-district placement of students; and equitable distribution of state aid through the foundation program schedules.

The Montana Legislative Council also requested that this Subcommittee devote some meeting and study time to the feasibility of extending the required school year for elementary and high school students, as requested in House Joint Resolution No. 49.

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Joint Interim Subcommittee on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits

Study Resolution: SJR 26, Laws of 1991

This interim subcommittee is asked to study health insurance benefits that are mandated within employee health plans. As part of the study, the Subcommittee is to address the following: review the effect of existing mandated health insurance benefits and the need for proposed new benefits; evaluate the costs and benefits of mandated health insurance benefits; determine the extent to which existing and proposed mandated benefits are available and desired by the people of Montana in their employee health plans; and consider alternatives to the present system of mandated health insurance benefits.

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Study Resolution: HJR 50, Laws of 1991

The Joint Interim Subcommittee on Public Employee Retirement Systems is to study each of the public employee retirement systems to ensure that pension benefits accrue equitability among the various systems and that the systems are being administered and funded in the most cost-effective manner. The study is to include: a comparison of the benefits and interrelationships among the systems; recommendations for benefit changes to keep each system current with the needs of its members; possible recodification for clarifying the statutory provisions of each system; and legislative options available to ensure that the current funding and administration of the benefits of the systems are adequate to guarantee the present and future obligations of the systems. House Bill No. 2, Laws of 1991, appropriated up to \$30,000 from the pension trust funds of the various retirement systems to Legislative Council to conduct the study.

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Committee on the Montana State Hospital

Statutory Citation: Chapter 546, Laws of 1991

House Bill No. 966 created a study committee on the Montana State Hospital at Galen and at Warm Springs and directed that committee to study the past, current, and potential future uses of the physical plant and staff resources of the Hospital, including a determination of the role that the Hospital will play as the institutional anchor for Montana's mental health system. The Committee is to compile and analyze information on client caseloads, staffing levels and patterns, training, rehabilitation, maintenance, occupancy, and client and facility needs and to study other states' experiences with state mental health facilities.

The Committee is composed of the following 15 members: eight legislative appointments, the directors, or a designee, of the Department of Corrections and Human Services, the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, the superintendent of the Montana State Hospital, the Governor's Coordinator of Aging, a member selected by the Galen Task Force, a consumer from the mental health community who is appointed by the Montana Mental Health Association, and a representative of the Montana chemical dependency community, appointed by the Governor.

The staff of the Legislative Council provides administrative support to the Committee, and the Committee may request the assistance of the staffs of the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Auditor, the Department of Corrections and Human Services, or any other agency that may have information relative to the Montana State Hospital. There is a \$37,000 appropriation to Legislative Council for conducting the study.

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Joint Select Committee on Workers' Compensation

Statutory Citation: Chapter 12, Special Laws, June 1989; Chapter 465, Laws of 1991

The life of the Joint Select Committee on Workers' Compensation, established in 1989 and operational during the 1989-91 interim, was extended for the current interim to monitor the functions of the State Workers' Compensation System. The Select Committee is to continue to address the following: problems affecting the workers' compensation fund; laws and policies governing workers' compensation; costs, benefits, and operations of the state fund, including premium rates and classifications; projected costs of operating the state fund and the reasons for the increasing unfunded liability; revenue requirements needed to operate the state fund and eliminate the unfunded liability; and options for reducing costs and rates associated with the state fund, for ensuring future solvency of the fund, or for selling or abolishing the fund. The Select Committee was granted a \$70,000 appropriation from the Workers' Compensation Tax Account to the Legislative Council to conduct the study and to contract for professional actuarial consulting services if such services are considered necessary. The Committee is to terminate July 1, 1993.

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Statutory Citation: Title 5, Chapter 16, MCA

The Environmental Quality Council (EQC) is required to review and appraise state programs and activities related to the environment to ensure compliance with the Montana Environmental Policy Act (Title 75, Chapter 1, MCA). The EQC is composed of four House members, four Senate members, and four public members. A representative of the Governor's Office serves as a nonvoting member.

Through House Joint Resolution No. 31, the 1991 Legislature requested this committee to study energy resources and uses in the state and to develop the framework for a state energy policy in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources and the Consumer Counsel. In conjunction with this study, an Energy Policy Study Task Force will be appointed.

The EQC is also to conduct an interim study on the need for and the nature of uniform state standards for the protection and appropriate development of lakeshores (HJR 17).

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Statutory Citation: Article XIII, Section 2, Montana Constitution;
Title 5, Chapter 15, MCA

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The Legislative Services Division is responsible for clerical preparation of introduced bills and for engrossing and enrolling of bills. This division uses a computerized word processing system in order to operate with a high degree of effectiveness and accuracy with a relatively small staff of copy editors, data entry operators, and proofreaders. The computerized word processing system is also used in the publication of the Montana Code Annotated. This division is also responsible for the compilation, publication, and distribution of the following: bill drafting record index, internal reference report, Rules of the Montana Legislature, code sections affected list, Daily Bill Status, Combined Final Status, daily and final Journals of House and Senate, Session Laws, and text and annotations of the Montana Code Annotated.

The Research and Reference Services Division and the Legal Services Division have many of the same responsibilities. Both divisions perform general and specialized research and reference and information functions. Staff members from both divisions may staff legislative committees during the session and throughout the interim, draft legislation, prepare legislative and staff reports, and provide information on the legislative process to the public. During the interim, the Legal Services Division is primarily responsible for publication and updating of the Montana Code Annotated. The Research Division has primary responsibility for staffing interim committees and providing reference services. The Research and Reference Services Division maintains a reference library containing items of special interest to legislators and legislative staff. The library maintains a liaison with other libraries to help make information available as quickly as possible.

In addition to the index to the Montana Code Annotated, the indexers also provide the subject index for all bills introduced during a legislative session, the Journal Index, Legislative Review Index, Session Law Index, Bill Drafting Manual Index, Combined Final Status Index, Legal Research Memorandum Index, and Legislative Rules Index. The indexes are updated during and after each legislative session.

The Code Commissioner supervises the continuing codification, indexing, rearranging, and general updating of the text and annotations of the Montana Code Annotated.

Annotations, including case notes to federal and state court decisions and other materials useful to MCA users, are published separately from the section text in booklet format that may be easily updated.

The Management and Business Services Division maintains all bookkeeping records; processes all legislative claims and payrolls; requisitions all printing, supplies, and equipment; and serves the House and Senate during a session.

During a legislative session, the Legislative Information Office is in operation in the Capitol Rotunda. The office operates six days a week and provides legislative information to the public via toll-free telephone lines and to the many Capitol visitors. The office assists in preparation of the Legislative Telephone Directory. The Legislative Information Office also distributes the Legislative Rules, daily committee hearing calendars, information available through the computerized information system, daily House and Senate second and third reading agendas, seating charts, and other relevant materials.

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Water Policy Committee

Statutory Citation: Section 85-2-105, MCA

The 1983-84 Select Committee on Water Marketing recommended creation of this permanent Water Policy Committee, along with other revisions in state water policy, to maximize Montana's interests in the allocation and management of state waters. The Water Policy Committee is directed to: advise the Legislature on the adequacy of the state's water policy and of developments that affect Montana's water resources; oversee the policies and activities of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and other state agencies as they affect the water resources of the state; and communicate with the public on matters of water policy.

This interim, the Committee will also address the need for and feasibility of state regulation of Montana's geothermal resources (SJR 25). Senate Bill No. 313 requires that the Committee study water storage laws and regulations and that the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation study and report to the Water Policy Committee on the feasibility of collecting larger fees from consumptive water users who benefit from the development of new or rehabilitated state-owned water storage projects. The Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks is to study and report on the feasibility of charging fees for recreational use of water storage projects.

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Administrative Code Committee

Statutory Citation: Title 5, Chapter 14, MCA

The Administrative Code Committee was established in 1975 as a permanent committee to review all proposed rules, amendments, and rule repeals filed with the Secretary of State under the Montana Administrative Procedure Act (Title 2, Chapter 4, MCA). The powers of the committee are set forth in Title 2, Chapter 4, part 4, MCA. The Administrative Code Committee has also been given the duty to review all administrative rules adopted prior to the creation of the committee in 1975 and to report to the Legislature on the results of the review (Chapter 64, Laws of 1983).

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Coal Tax Oversight Subcommittee

Statutory Citation: Title 5, Chapter 18, part 2, MCA

The Coal Tax Oversight Subcommittee of the Revenue Oversight Committee was established on a biennial basis by Chapter 619, Laws of 1979. Chapter 695, Laws of 1983, made the Subcommittee permanent. The duties of the Subcommittee are to review programs financed by coal severance tax funds, to consider other matters relating to coal taxation, and to prepare a report to each regular session of the Legislature on potential uses of the coal tax trust fund to develop Montana's economy in a manner that would maintain and improve a clean and healthful environment as required by Article IX, section 1, of the Montana Constitution. The Subcommittee reports and makes recommendations to the Revenue Oversight Committee; however, members of the Subcommittee are not members of the Revenue Oversight Committee.

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Revenue Oversight Committee

Statutory Citation: Title 5, Chapter 18, MCA

The Revenue Oversight Committee was created in 1979 to review proposed rules of the Department of Revenue and to exercise legislative oversight of that department. The Committee also investigates and reports on any other matters concerning taxation. (Continued on next page.)

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Chapter 608, Laws of 1989, required the Revenue Oversight Committee to estimate and report to the Legislature the amount of revenue projected to be available for appropriation. The Committee must introduce a house joint resolution setting forth the Committee's revenue estimate in each regular and special session in which a revenue bill is under consideration. The 1989 Legislature also required the Department of Revenue to report at every Revenue Oversight Committee meeting on the progress in completing the property revaluation cycle (Chapter 13, Laws of 1989).

The 1991 Legislature directed the Revenue Oversight Committee to study the taxation of retirement benefits, including legal developments (SB 226), and to explore all aspects of taxation (HJR 55). House Joint Resolution No. 53 requests a study of all aspects of federal, state, local, and tribal taxation on Indian reservations, including but not limited to income, property, natural resource, selective sales, excise, and other taxes.

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Committee on Indian Affairs

Statutory Citation: Sections 5-19-101 through 5-19-108, MCA

The 1989 Legislature authorized a statutory Committee on Indian Affairs to continue the work of six previous interim legislative committees. Armed with its new permanency, the Committee will continue the following duties: encourage participation of Indian people in Committee meetings; act as a liaison between the Indian people and the Legislature; encourage tribal-state and tribal-local government cooperation; and hold hearings to promote better understanding between the tribes and public agencies.

The 1991 Legislature directed the Committee on Indian Affairs to conduct a study on disparities in sentencing of Native Americans convicted of crimes (HJR 56). In addition, Chapter 697, Laws of 1991, asks that the Committee work with the Montana Tribal Chairman's Association, the state Coordinator of Indian Affairs, and individual tribes to do the following: monitor negotiations concerning proposed cigarette tax collection from non-Indian purchasers of cigarettes sold on Indian reservations; consider alternatives for cigarette tax collection; and, after public hearings, propose legislative solutions for collecting taxes on cigarette sales to the 53rd Legislature.

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Job Training Partnership Act Review Committee

Statutory Citation: Section 53-2-1110, MCA, and 29 U.S.C. § 1515

The federal Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) requires a legislative committee to review and comment on proposed state plans for the administration of two-year state job training programs under this act. Members are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate. The Committee will examine issues concerning priority and targeting of services to those most in need, coordination of JTPA services with other employment and training programs in the state, and standards for performance of the program.

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Montana-Western Canadian Provinces Boundary Advisory Committee

Statutory Citation: Sections 1-13-101 through 1-13-111, MCA

The 1985 Legislature created a permanent advisory committee to strengthen understanding and cooperation between Montana government and citizens and the governments and citizens of the neighboring Canadian provinces with special emphasis on encouraging economic, cultural, and educational exchanges. The Committee is composed of the Governor or his designee as chairman, four members of the Legislature, and four Executive Branch members from agencies responsible for issues related to agriculture; water and natural resources; economic development, trade, and tourism; and research and education. The Committee may meet with representatives of the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan. For the 1991-93 biennium, the Montana Legislative Council allocated money from its budget for regional conferences for a legislative member to attend meetings in Alberta and Montana.

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Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission

**Statutory Citation: Article V, Section 14, Montana Constitution;
Title 5, Chapter 1, MCA**

The Districting and Apportionment Commission (sometimes referred to as the Reapportionment Commission) is provided for in the Montana Constitution. The Commission is to redistrict and reapportion the state into legislative and congressional districts following each federal population census. The Commission must be named in each legislative session preceding each federal population census and is to consist of five citizens who are not public officials. The majority and minority leaders of each house each designate one commissioner. Within 20 days after designation, the four commissioners select a fifth member who serves as the chairman of the Commission.

Congressional districts must be reapportioned within 90 days following receipt of the final census figures. The Commission must submit its plan for legislative districts to the Legislature at the first regular session after its appointment or after census figures are available (53rd Legislature in 1993). This Commission was designated April 21, 1989, and met May 8, 1989, to select the fifth member and chairman. At the time of printing the Commission has conducted 5 meetings in Helena and has completed its plan for congressional redistricting. The plan establishes the state as a single congressional district.

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Other Interim Committees



Women's Correctional Facility Site Selection Committee

Statutory Citation: Chapter 651, Laws of 1991

House Bill No. 528 of the 1991 Session created this committee to evaluate the proposals for the siting of a women's correctional center in Montana. The membership consists of the following: four legislators, none of whom may be a resident of a local governmental unit submitting a proposal; one representative of an established or recognized organization whose primary mission is specific to women's needs (appointed by the Governor); one representative of the Criminal Justice and Corrections Advisory Council (appointed by the Governor); three representatives of the public (appointed by the Governor); the administrator of the Corrections Division of the Department of Corrections and Human Services; the warden of the Women's Correctional Center; and one representative of the Architecture and Engineering Division of the Department of Administration, who serves in an advisory capacity only. The Committee is attached to the Department of Corrections and Human Services for administrative purposes only and is granted an \$8,000 appropriation for its activities.

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Legislative Energy Policy Committee

Statutory Citation: Section 90-4-303, MCA

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Joint Committee on Postsecondary Education Policy and Budget

Statutory Citation: Chapter 526, Laws of 1991

Both the 1987 and 1989 Legislatures requested interim studies centering on postsecondary funding and policy issues. The Postsecondary Education Study Committee of the 1989-90 interim sponsored legislation to create a permanent committee to report to each legislature in this area.

The Joint Committee on Postsecondary Education Policy and Budget is composed of four legislative members, two regents appointed by the chairman of the Board of Regents of Higher Education, the Commissioner of Higher Education, and one representative from the executive branch, appointed by the governor. The staff of the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst will assist the Committee, with the aid of an appropriation for consultant costs.

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Legislative Liaison Committee for the Montana Lottery

Statutory Citation: Section 23-5-1008, MCA

Chapter 161, Laws of 1987, which amended provisions for the Montana lottery approved by the electorate in November 1986, established a four-member legislative liaison committee to meet once each fiscal year with the Lottery Commission and to report to each Legislature on the activities and operations of the state lottery. No legislator who has any ownership interest in any gambling device or establishment may be appointed to the liaison committee. Members are compensated for travel and expenses from the administrative allocation of lottery proceeds.

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Interstate Cooperation Organizations



The Council of State Governments (CSG)

Statutory Citation: Title 5, Chapter 11, part 3, MCA

The Legislative Council is designated by 5-11-301, MCA, as the Montana Commission on Interstate Cooperation and, as such, as a member of the Council of State Governments (CSG), an organization of all the states and territories of the United States. The primary mission of CSG is to promote and strengthen state government in the federal system by providing staff services to organizations of state officials. Montana is a member of the Western Legislative Conference of CSG, representing the governing bodies of 13 western states. The purpose of the Conference is to foster and encourage intergovernmental cooperation in the West through joint consideration of common problems. The basic work of the Conference is accomplished through study committees.

The Legislative Council appoints legislators as delegates and alternates to CSG committees. The members serve two-year terms. The 1991 Legislature did not appropriate funding to participate in this organization in the next biennium.

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National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

Statutory Citation: None

The purpose of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) is to improve the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures, to assure the states a strong voice in federal decisionmaking, and to foster interstate communication and cooperation.

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The State-Federal Assembly was formed to: determine policies to guide lobby efforts and to encourage state legislative action before Congress; provide legislators to testify before Congress; provide legislators to serve on advisory panels; and provide legislators to meet with White House and Executive Branch officials. Policy positions are developed through review and investigation by each committee.

Agriculture and International Trade

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Education and Job Training

The Education and Job Training Committee has jurisdiction for all federal education programs, including those administered by the departments of Health and Human Services, Defense, Agriculture, and Commerce and the National Science Foundation.

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Environment and Natural Resources

This committee has jurisdiction over issues of air and environmental quality, solid, hazardous and radioactive waste, and water. Among key topics are ozone contamination, acid rain, radon, asbestos, oil spills, and parks and recreation.

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Energy

This committee focuses on federal-state policies in the following areas: energy conservation, exploration, and taxation; federal budget and block grants; geothermal, hydroelectric, shale, solar, and renewable energy issues; mining; natural gas; nuclear power and waste; settlement moneys; and utility issues.

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Health

This committee concerns itself with such health topics as medicare, medicaid, long term care, mental health, substance abuse, minority health, disabilities, AIDS, and health care reform.

Montana Members:

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Human Services

This committee's issues divide into three major categories: food and nutrition; income security and social services; and immigration policies.

Montana Members:

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Assembly on the Legislature

The Assembly on the Legislature provides a forum for consideration of issues internal to state legislatures and state government. Members of the committees are automatically members of the Assembly. Both legislators and legislative staff are eligible for membership on the Assembly's committees. The Assembly and its committees meet approximately three times each year, including once at the NCSL annual meeting.

Commerce and Economic Development

This committee studies a wide range of state policies and programs that seek to promote economic development, including university-business partnerships, technology transfers, workforce training, community development, and environmental issues related to economic development.

Montana Members:

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Pacific Northwest Economic Region

Statutory Citation: Chapter 630, Laws of 1991

Under the terms of House Bill No. 508 of the 1991 Legislature, Montana has joined the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington and the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia in the Pacific Northwest Economic Region. The organization is intended to allow the states and provinces to act together to increase the potential for strengthening the region's world-trade posture through increased cooperation while enhancing the environment and quality of life.

Four Montana legislators—one each appointed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the minority leaders of each house—will serve on the region's delegates council. House Bill No. 2 appropriated \$20,000 for dues and attendance at meetings for this organization.

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Five-State Legislative Conference

The Five-State Legislative Conference is an informal organization consisting of delegates from the Legislative Branches of the states of Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. The Conference meets biennially to facilitate cooperation, consultation, and the exchange of information in state affairs of common concern.

Traditionally, whenever a conference or task force meeting is called, the Legislative Council is requested to select legislative members to attend on behalf of the state. The Montana Legislative Council appointed two members to attend the 1991 Conference in South Dakota and allocated \$1,500 from its budget for regional conferences.

Membership:

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